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SUBJECT: DENT VISIT: INVITATION FROM KOREAN TRADERS ASSOCIATION

1. PRESIDENT OF KOREAN TRADERS ASSOCIATION AND KOREAN CHAIRMAN OF KOREAN-U.S. ECONOMIC COUNCIL, PARK CHOONG HOON HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO PASS TO SECRETARY DENT HIS INVITATION FOR BREAKFAST, EITHER JULY 19 OR 20, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE SECRETARY WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING AND DISCUSSION WITH KOREAN BUSINESS LEADERS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING TRADE WITH U.S. MR. PARK APOLOGIZES FOR LATENESS OF HIS INVITATION, SAYING HE ONLY RECENTLY BECAME AWARE OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS. AT SAME TIME, PARK POINTS OUT THAT MEETING OF THIS TYPE WOULD ENHANCE PRESTIGE OF NEWLY-FORMED ECONOMIC COUNCIL AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STIMULUS TO EFFORT OF KOREAN BUSINESS LEADERS TO CLOSE RANKS WITH AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS.

2. IN AGREEING TO EXTEND PARK'S INVITATION TO SECRETARY, EMBASSY POINTED OUT THAT SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE ALREADY EXTREMELY CROWDED AND IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SQUEEZE IN ANOTHER EVENT WITHOUT OVERCROWDING. PARK SAID HE PERFECTLY UNDERSTOOD BUT FELT THAT, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, SECRETARY SHOULD BE GIVEN OPTION.

3. EMBASSY AGREES THAT PROPOSED MEETING WOULD BE BENE-
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FICIAL WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF KOREAN BUSINESS INTEREST IN

U.S. TRADE EXPANSION. AT SAME TIME WE BELIEVE MR. PARK,
WOULD FULLY UNDERSTAND IF SECRETARY SHOULD FEEL THAT
THIS ADDED ENGAGEMENT WOULD STRETCH THE LIMIT OF WHAT
HE CAN PRODUCTIVELY ACCOMPLISH WITH EXISTING TIME
CONSTRAINTS ON HIS VISIT.
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